

**Dallas County**

Dallas County had a total population of 8,116 in 2010, making it the 72nd most populous county in the state. It experienced an 11.9 percent decrease in population from 2000. With a land area of 667.4 square miles, Dallas County's population density decreased from 13.8 persons per square mile in 2000 to 12.2 persons per square mile in 2010. The racial composition of the county was 55.2 percent White, 41.9 percent Black or African American, and 2.9 percent Other. Of the people living in Dallas County, 2.3 percent were Hispanic or Latino, which can be of any race. The population age 18 and over accounted for 76.4 percent of the total population. There were a total of 4,305 housing units, of which 76.2 percent were occupied. The county seat of Dallas County is Fordyce. It had a 2010 population of 4,300, which reflects a decline of -10.4 percent since 2000.

**1. Children and Youth Will Excel Academically**

	Dallas County		Arkansas	
		Percent		Percent
Grade 4 Math, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*				
Fordyce		84.0		80.0
Grade 4 Literacy, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*				
Fordyce		82.0		77.0
Grade 8 Math, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*				
Fordyce		47.0		63.0
Grade 8 Literacy, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*				
Fordyce		68.0		76.0
Grade 11 Literacy, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*				
Fordyce		45.0		60.0
Graduation Rate, 2009*				
Fordyce		74.7		NA
Remediation Rate, 2009		76.2		55.8

**2. People Will Have Education and Training Needed to Compete in Today's Economy**

	Dallas County		Arkansas	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Population of High School Graduates and GED's, 2005-2009	2,382	42.9	660,625	35.4
Population with Associate's Degree, 2005-2009	265	4.8	104,844	5.6
Population with Bachelor's Degree, 2005-2009	525	9.5	235,419	12.6
Population with Graduate or Professional Degree, 2005-2009	233	4.2	117,979	6.3

**3. Families Will Be Stable and Nurturing**

	Dallas County		Arkansas	
		Rate/1000		Rate/1000
Births to Teens, Age 11-17, 2009		18.1		13.3
Children in Single Parent Families, 2005-2009				
Children in Married Couple Families	869	50.9	453,987	65.6
Children in Male/Female HH, No Spouse Present Families	837	49.1	237,923	34.4
Total Population Living in Poverty, 2009	1,763	23.3	519,026	18.5
Children Living in Poverty, 2009	617	33.2	185,268	26.6
Population Age 65 and Over Below Poverty, 2005-2009	223	17.8	47,570	12.6

\* - Data only available at School District Level.

NA - Graduation rate for Arkansas is not comparable to school district rate.

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**4. People Will Be Healthy**

	Dallas County		Arkansas	
	Percent of all births		Percent of all births	
Low Birth Weight Babies, 2009	17.0		8.9	
	Rate/1000 births		Rate/1000 births	
Infant Mortality Rate, 2009	10.20		8.49	
	Percent PWS		Percent PWS	
Fluoridated Water, 2008	91.5		65.3	
	Percent		Percent	
Overweight/Obese Adults, 2008	71.2		65.7	
Overweight/Obese School Age, 2009-2010 (Grades K,2,4,6,8,10)	41.5		38.0	
Arkansas Prevention Needs Assessment Student Survey, 2009				
Any Drug - Lifetime Use (Grades 6,8,10,12 Combined)	32.4		30.0	
Current Cigarette Smokers, 2008	28.7		22.3	
Physical Activity/Inactivity				
No Exercise in Past 30 Days, 2008	32.6		29.7	
Meeting Physical Activity Recommendation, 2007	43.4		45.9	

**5. People Will Have the Economic Means to Sustain a Quality Standard of Living**

	Dallas County		Arkansas	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Median Household Income (dollars), 2009	30,454		37,888	
Monthly Housing Costs (dollars), 2005-2009				
Median Selected Monthly Owner Costs - Houses With a Mortgage	784		953	
Median Selected Monthly Owner Costs - Houses Without a Mortgage	274		304	
Median Gross Rent	415		600	
Home Ownership, 2005-2009				
Owner Occupied Housing Units	2,350	71.3	749,491	67.5
Renter Occupied Housing Units	947	28.7	360,144	32.5
Unemployment Rate, 2009	9.6		7.3	

**6. Communities Will Be Safe**

	Dallas County		Arkansas	
	Number		Number	
Violent Offense Convictions	5		2,866	
Offense Convictions Against Children and Impaired Adults	2		164	
Property Offense Convictions	13		7,407	
Public Offense Convictions	3		1,520	
Drug Offense Convictions	23		6,597	
Other Offense Convictions	0		705	
Total Convictions	46		19,259	

**7. People Will Be Engaged in Their Community**

	Dallas County		Arkansas	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Voter Participation, 2010	49.1		47.6	
Charitable Giving - Itemized Contributions Reported (\$Millions), 2006	2.3		1,192.7	

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